

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and prior versions, of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) An apparatus for locally increasing pressing pressure ~~on~~ in a press tool having a first part with a first abutment surface clamped to a first clamping surface in the press and a second part with a second abutment surface clamped to a second clamping surface in the press, which, by means of an abutment surface thereon, is clampable against a clamping surface in a press, said apparatus comprising:

a number of press cylinders for exerting the pressing pressure of the press;

the first abutment surface of the press tool being smaller than the first clamping surface in said press;

a power unit smaller than said first abutment surface and provided in a contact region between the first clamping surface in the press and the first abutment surface of the tool;

said power unit being configured on activation, concurrently with activation of the press cylinders, to press away from the first clamping surface at least a part of the first abutment surface on the tool;

said power unit comprising at least two plates defining an interspace between said at least two plates;

said at least two plates being circumscribed by and being fastened to a frame member extending along peripheries of the plates; and

~~said interspace being capable of being sealed during operation and being filled and pressurized by means of an incompressible fluid~~

said power unit being capable of being activated by supplying a pressurized hydraulic fluid into the interspace for causing the power unit to expand thereby locally increasing the pressing pressure on the first tool part.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the power unit is of flat configuration.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein said at least two plates include an upper plate and a lower plate, and wherein the frame member is fixedly welded to both the upper and lower plates.

28. (currently amended) An apparatus for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool which, by means of an abutment surface thereon, is clampable against a clamping surface in a press, said apparatus comprising:

the abutment surface of the press tool being smaller than the clamping surface in said press;

a power unit provided in a contact region between the clamping surface in the press and the abutment surface of the tool;

said power unit being configured on activation to press away from the clamping surface at least a part of the abutment surface on the tool;

said power unit comprising at least two plates defining an interspace between said at least two plates;

said at least two plates being circumscribed by and being fastened to a frame member extending along peripheries of the plates; and

said interspace being capable of being pressurized,

wherein said at least two plates include an upper plate and a lower plate,

wherein the frame member is fixedly welded to both the upper and lower plates, and

wherein the frame member is provided with a circumferential groove along the periphery of the at least two plates.

29. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein the upper plate has a through-hole for supplying a pressurized fluid to the interspace.

30. (currently amended) An apparatus for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool which, by means of an abutment

surface thereon, is clampable against a clamping surface in a press, said apparatus comprising:

the abutment surface of the press tool being smaller than the clamping surface in said press;

a power unit provided in a contact region between the clamping surface in the press and the abutment surface of the tool;

said power unit being configured on activation to press away from the clamping surface at least a part of the abutment surface on the tool;

said power unit comprising at least two plates defining an interspace between said at least two plates;

said at least two plates being circumscribed by and being fastened to a frame member extending along peripheries of the plates; and

said interspace being capable of being pressurized,

wherein said at least two plates include an upper plate and a lower plate,

wherein the frame member is fixedly welded to both the upper and lower plates,

wherein the upper plate has a through-hole for supplying a pressurized fluid to the interspace, and

wherein a lower side of the upper plate is provided with grooves, and said grooves are connected to the through-hole.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the power unit is smaller than the abutment surface.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the interspace is in communication with a source of pressurized hydraulic fluid and said source on activation of the power unit being configured to supply pressurized hydraulic fluid to the interspace.

33. (currently amended) An apparatus for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool having an upper part and a lower part, said apparatus comprising:

a first part having a first clamping surface ~~in a press;~~

said first clamping surface being adapted for clamping ~~on a~~ a first abutment surface on said upper part of the press tool thereagainst and for performing reciprocal movements for operating the press tool between an open position and a closed pressing position;

a power unit provided between the first clamping surface and the first abutment surface on said upper part of the press tool;

said power unit being smaller than the first abutment surface;

said power unit being connected to a source of pressurized hydraulic fluid for exerting when activated by said hydraulic fluid a locally increased pressure from the first clamping

surface on the first abutment surface on said upper part of the press tool;

said power unit comprising two plates defining an interspace therebetween;

said interspace ~~being capable of being sealed during operation and being capable of being filled and pressurized by~~ means of said pressurized hydraulic fluid; and

said power unit being activated by supplying said pressurized hydraulic fluid into the interspace for causing the power unit to expand and thereby locally increase the pressing pressure on the upper part of the press tool.

34. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim ~~33~~ 38, wherein the power unit is of flat configuration.

35. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim ~~33~~ 38, wherein the power unit is recessed in the clamping surface.

36. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim ~~33~~ 38, wherein the plates are circumscribed and fastened to a frame extending along peripheries of the plates.

37. (cancelled)

38. (new) An apparatus for locally increasing the pressing pressure in a press tool, the apparatus comprising:

a press having first and second clamping surfaces movable under influence of a number of press cylinders towards and away from one another to exert a pressing pressure;

a press tool having a first part clamped on the first clamping surface and a second tool part clamped on the second clamping surface, the tool being configured, on activation of the press cylinders, for pressing a work piece between the first and second parts thereof;

a power unit smaller than the first part of the tool and provided in a contact region between the first clamping surface and the first tool part, the power unit having an internal space; and

a source of pressurized hydraulic fluid connected to the internal space, the source being configured, upon activation of the power unit, to supply pressurized hydraulic fluid to the internal space thereby causing the power unit to expand for locally increasing the pressing pressure.